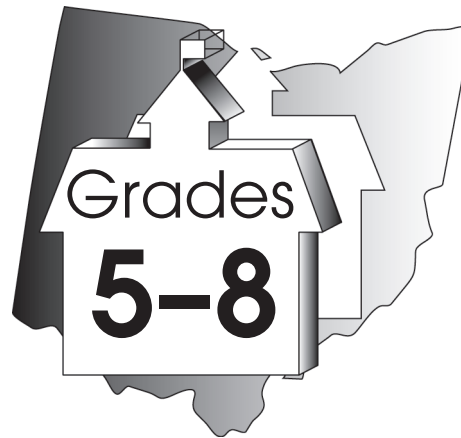


FIELD TEST



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Grades 5 & 8 Science
Grades 5 & 8 Social Studies
Grade 7 Writing
Directions for
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IMPORTANT

The information presented in this manual is essential to the successful administration of the grades 5–8 field tests. Please read this manual carefully prior to administering the tests.

Introduction

This *Directions for Administration* manual for Ohio's Field Tests contains general information about the Ohio Achievement Test program and specific information about administering the following spring 2006 field tests:

- grade 5 science and social studies
- grade 7 writing
- grade 8 science and social studies

Before administering the field tests, Test Administrators (TAs) are encouraged to review the information in this manual to familiarize themselves with the test administration procedures. This information is essential to the successful administration of the achievement field tests. Please read this manual carefully before administering any of the field tests.

General Information for Test Administrators

This section of the manual provides the general information you need to effectively administer the grades 5–8 field tests.

Each of the spring 2006 Grade 5 and Grade 8 science and social studies field tests has eight forms. The spring 2006 Grade 7 writing field test has ten forms. Classrooms will administer multiple forms. Each form uses the same administration script. Specific information and the administration scripts for each field test begin on page 8. Districts and schools will not receive student results from field tests.

Security Concerns and Procedures

Maintaining test security is one of your most important responsibilities as a test administrator. At all times, your district's and the state's written procedures for protecting secure test materials should be followed. These secure test materials consist of the Student Test Booklet, which contains the test questions, and the answer document on which students record their responses. It is illegal and unethical to reproduce or disclose any of this material or cause it to be reproduced or disclosed in any format. Test security is vital to the successful administration of the test. You are responsible for ensuring the security of not only the physical test booklets and answer documents but also the individual test questions and materials. Your responsibility for maintaining the security of the test questions and materials continues even after the test booklets have been returned to your School Test Coordinator (STC).

Under Ohio law, releasing any test questions or other contents of a test to students or helping students cheat in any other way may be punishable by invalidation of test scores, termination of employment, suspension of certificates to teach, and/or prosecution. Violations of test security provisions in your district's written procedures may be punishable by penalties specified by the district. If you have questions or concerns about your responsibility for test security, consult your STC.

Student Test Booklets and answer documents are sent to schools in shrink-wrapped packages. **Shrink-wrapped packages should not be opened until the day of test administration.**

Before and after a test administration, both scorable and nonscorable test materials must be kept in a secure location designated by your STC. Unless directed otherwise by your STC, you are responsible for returning secure test materials to the storage area after each day's administration. Only those

individuals authorized by district policy should have access to these materials. **Under no circumstances should students have access to test materials before or after the test session.**

During each test administration, a TA must be in the room at all times. If students are allowed to leave the room while testing is in progress, they must first turn in their test materials. Students should not leave in groups to avoid possible discussion of test questions. You must account for all test materials before dismissing students.

For any group of more than 30 students, a monitor must assist you. The ratio of TAs/monitors to students is one administrator/monitor to 30 students in any testing room.

When test administration is complete and you have accounted for all materials, return them immediately to your STC.

At any point, if you believe that a violation of test security has occurred, follow the procedures established by your school district for handling alleged test security violations. Contact your STC regarding alleged test security violations.

Procedures for Students Who Require Accommodations

There are no special versions (e.g., large print, Braille, English Audio CD Kit, Foreign-Language CD Kit and Oral Translation Kit) of the spring 2006 field tests.

Any student with a disability who would be required to participate in the operational assessments must participate in the field tests. Students whose IEP team has determined that they should take the alternate assessment will not take the field tests. If a student with disabilities or a limited English proficient (LEP) student takes a state achievement test, including a field test, the administration of the test should be under standardized testing conditions with only those accommodations provided for in students' IEPs or 504 Plans. A student's assessment results should reflect her or his true ability and should not be influenced by inappropriate accommodations. This section describes how to apply these principles.

Students With IEPs or 504 Plans

Accommodations that change the content of the test are not allowable. For example, it is inappropriate to read the reading passages or to define words used in the reading passages, charts, graphs, any other stimulus materials or the test questions. Accommodations in test administration procedures are allowable provided that they are specified in a student's IEP or 504 Plan and meet other criteria defined in Rule 3301-13-03.

Any accommodations for an individual must be specified before the student takes the test and must be documented in the student's IEP or 504 plan.

Limited English Proficient Students

LEP-identified students are allowed extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary while taking this assessment.

Field Test Schedule and Time Allotments

The spring 2006 administration of the field tests will take place from **April 3 through April 7, 2006**. Districts may set their own schedules for administering the field tests during this time. Your STC will tell you the testing schedule for your school. There are no make-ups for the field tests. Test only the students present on the administration day.

Each Achievement Field Test requires an allotment of 2½ hours so that all students have sufficient time to complete the tests. Students identified as limited English proficient (LEP) or students whose IEP or 504 plans document the need, may have extended time.

A situation may arise in which it is necessary to move some students to another testing location. For example, the majority of students finish the test early, but a few students require the full amount of time and need to move to another room to complete the test. If students move to another location within the school, you must collect all their test materials and redistribute them at the new location. Test security must be maintained throughout the transition. The transition time is **not** included in the allotted time noted above.

Testing Room Preparation

Arrive at the testing room early to make sure that it is ready for the testing session. Be sure that there is an area in the room where test materials not in use can be stored securely and away from students.

Check the testing room for possible test question “clues” prior to each testing session. Charts, maps and other materials in the classroom that could assist students with test items should be covered or removed prior to the test administration. The Ohio Academic Content Standards are helpful for determining what materials should be removed.

Give each student a workspace that is large enough to accommodate an open Student Test Booklet and an answer document. Workspaces should be cleared of all other materials. During testing, students should be separated by a reasonable distance to encourage independent work and to prevent collaboration.

Plan to provide two No. 2 pencils with erasers for each student and to have extra pencils on hand. Remind students that after their test materials have been collected, they may do their silent work. It is advisable to have some generic silent work on hand for students who forget to bring their own.

Oral Script Use

To ensure standardized administration conditions throughout Ohio, this manual contains directions that you will read to the students. These directions contain information that students need to know about the test. Please do not deviate from the oral script.

Read the appropriate script to your students, paying careful attention to the instructions to the TA that are inserted among the oral directions to the students. All information to be read aloud to students is printed in **bold** type. Instructions to the TA are printed in regular, nonbold type.

Procedures During Test Administration

Students should be encouraged to complete all written exercises and questions and not to leave anything blank. It is to their benefit to answer all questions and complete all written exercises.

Colored pencils or highlighters may be used in the test booklets only. Be sure students are using a No. 2 pencil to mark the answer document.

When testing has begun, check that students are marking and writing their answers in the appropriate places in their answer documents. Be careful not to interfere with the students’ concentration as you check their progress.

Test Forms

Although there is only one form of the answer document, each classroom will receive multiple forms of each test booklet. For this reason, students taking field tests will need to complete Section L, “Form”, on the back cover of their answer document. This is necessary in order to link their answers to the test booklet from which they were administered the test. Because test booklets and answer documents can become reordered during distribution and collection, TAs are urged to have students bubble in section L rather than completing it for them before or after test administration.

Breaks

If your district allows breaks, it is your responsibility to provide them for students during the administration of the test. We recommend providing at least a five-minute break every 30 minutes, but it is left up to the judgment of the TA to provide as many breaks as students need. These breaks are not part of the testing time. You should tell students before testing what they may do during the breaks (e.g., stand up and stretch).

Follow the directions below when providing a break.

- Tell students when the break will occur. Make an announcement five minutes before the break occurs.
- Keep students in the testing room. Lunch or recess will not occur as a break.
- **Do not allow talking during the break.**
- Encourage students to stand and stretch at their desks.
- Do not allow students to take out any additional materials during a break. Only the test booklet, the answer document (closed and face down) and pencils should be on the desk.
- When the entire class (group) has had a break, direct students to resume the test.
- At any time during the test administration, a student may leave the room for a restroom break, but to ensure test security only one student should leave at any one time. **The entire class (group) may not use the restroom at the same time.**

Students are not allowed to talk during the test administration. Direct students who finish a test early to raise a hand. Collect their test booklets and answer documents and direct them to take out their silent work.

Toward the end of the testing period, but while students still have their test materials, it is good testing practice to remind students to complete the entire test. Do not review a student's test booklet or answer document after it is handed in, and do not give it back to the student with instructions to complete the test. It is a violation of the Ohio Revised Code to give students information about correct and incorrect answers or to provide hints that lead them to correct answers.

Procedures Following Test Administration

When the allotted time for a test has elapsed, collect the remaining test booklets and answer documents. Do not allow any student to leave the room until his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected. Collect a test booklet and the answer document from each student individually. Do not allow students to "pass around" test materials.

Immediately after testing, and before dismissing students, carefully count the test booklets and answer documents to ensure that you have collected all student materials.

Demographic Page

There are no pre-identification labels for the field tests. TAs must complete (or have the students complete) the demographic page on the back cover of the answer document for each student who takes the test. It is especially important that Section C, "Gender," and F, "Ethnicity," are completed for each student.

Students Who Become Sick

For a student who may become ill and vomits on her or his test booklet or answer document and is able to continue the test, give the student a new test booklet or answer document so that they may continue. Later, the student's responses and demographic information should be transcribed into the new answer document which will be the copy of the test to be scored. The soiled test booklet or answer document, should be placed in a zip-lock bag and returned to your STC with the unused materials. Please alert your STC to this situation so that she or he can document it on the School Security Checklist.

For a student who may become ill and vomits on her or his test booklet or answer document and is not able to continue with the test, do not give the student a new test booklet or answer document. Put the soiled test booklet or answer document in a zip-lock bag, seal it, and return it to your STC.

Incomplete or Defective Test Materials

A student might receive an incomplete or defective test booklet or answer document. Follow the steps below with the student.

- Give him or her a new booklet/document that you have verified as accurate and complete.
- Direct the student to print his or her name on the new test booklet or answer document.
- Tell the student that you will write on his or her defective test materials so that what has happened will be clear to anyone.
- Direct the student to continue with the new copy (assuming that he or she discovered the defect after testing had begun). Later, you will transfer all responses from the first (defective) document to the second, which will be the copy of the test used for scoring.

As the TA, you will complete the steps below to cross reference all the materials used by a student.

- Write in large, bold letters the word **Defective** on the cover of the flawed test booklet or answer document. Make sure the defective materials are not distributed again but are put aside for later return with the nonscorable secure materials.
- Transfer all responses from the first (defective) answer document to the second, which will be the copy of the test used for scoring.

Things to Remember

Before you begin:

- Verify that you have received the correct number of test materials from your STC.
- Make sure that you receive a copy of the test for your use so you can refer to it while you administer the test.
- Gather and organize all necessary materials:
 - Student test booklets (include one for yourself)
 - Answer documents
 - Supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
 - This administration manual
 - Watch or clock
 - Silent work for students who do not bring their own
- Decide when to give students breaks (if relevant) during the testing session. The time for breaks and directions is **not** included in the testing time. Students may not talk with each other during breaks.
- Be aware that a single TA may be alone with 30 students but that a monitor must also be present for each additional 30 students in the testing room.

While administering the test:

- Use the script in this manual. The script is written in **bold** type.
- You may answer questions to clarify general directions, but you may not provide prompts for individual tasks or questions. Other than the general directions, you may not read any test material to students (unless stated in an IEP or 504 Plan).
- Stay in the classroom during the entire test.

After administering the test:

- Collect all student test booklets and answer documents. Before returning to the STC, be certain that the demographic information on the back of the answer documents is completed.

ADMINISTERING THE GRADE 5 SCIENCE FIELD TEST

Introduction

This section of the manual provides instructions for administering the Grade 5 Science Field Test. The oral directions are in the form of a script that contains portions to be read aloud to students, as well as instructions for you. It is important that you become familiar with the contents of this manual before you administer the test.

The Grade 5 Science Field Test

Overview

The Ohio Grade 5 Science Field Test has been designed to measure students' understanding of concepts and skills related to Ohio's academic content standards in science at the grade 5 level.

Students are expected to write any answers for short-answer and extended-response questions and shade in their choice for multiple-choice questions in **the answer document**. Answers written in the Student Test Booklet or on additional pages or papers added to the answer document **will not be scored**.

The student will print his or her first and last name on both the cover of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Materials Needed for Testing

For the test administration, you must have the following items available:

- Test booklet for each student and one for yourself
- Answer document for each student and one for yourself
- A supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
- This administration manual
- A watch or clock
- Silent work for students who do not bring their own

Silent work may be either a book or work that is **not related to the test**. This book or work should be chosen before the day of testing. The student will take out this work only when he or she has finished the test and his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected.

Time Allotment

TAs should allot 2½ hours of student work time for the administration of the Grade 5 Science Field Test. The 2½ hours does **not** include any break time that TAs elect to schedule as part of the testing.

Key Steps for Administering the Test

- Provide a Student Test Booklet, an answer document and a pencil to each student.
- Explain to students that they will be taking a science test.
- Inform them that they need to be quiet during the test and that if they have questions, they should raise a hand.
- Let students know that you will provide breaks (if applicable).
- Instruct students to write their first and last names on their Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Reminder

- Students with disabilities are allowed accommodations that are based on their IEP or 504 Plans.

- Limited English proficient (LEP) students may have extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary, although the test must be completed in one school day.

Administering the Test

Read aloud word for word the material that is printed in **bold** type. The material in regular type is information for you and should not be read to students. You may repeat any part of these directions as many times as needed. However, do not suggest answers and do not evaluate student work.

Students are **not** permitted to use reference materials such as print or electronic forms of dictionaries, thesauruses or spell-check software (except LEP students, who may use English and/or bilingual dictionaries). Allowable accommodations are permitted for students with a signed IEP or 504 Plan.

Students' desks should be cleared of all materials except pencils and colored pencils (if being used) before testing begins.

After students are seated in the desired arrangement, read aloud the following script **before** distributing the test booklets and answer documents.

Script

You are now going to take the Ohio Grade 5 Science Achievement Test. It is important that you do your best work on this test. Otherwise it will not really show how well you can do in science. You can make sure your test scores give a true picture of what you know and what you can do by doing your best on this test. Remember to do your own work. You are not to copy or share work with anyone.

You have a book to read or some work that you can do at your desk in case you finish early. I will refer to this book or work as your silent work. Place your silent work where you can find it easily, but you are not to take it out at any time during the test. After you have completed the test and I have collected your test booklet and answer document, you can take out your book or other silent work.

Make sure that you have a pencil on your desk. If you need another pencil during the test, raise your hand and I will give you one. If you need to change an answer, make sure that you completely erase the answer you do not want.

Are there any questions?

Answer any questions.

I will hand out the Student Test Booklets and answer documents now. Do not open your Student Test Booklets or answer documents until I tell you to do so.

Make sure that each student receives a Student Test Booklet and answer document, and has a pencil. Hold up a Student Test Booklet and answer document. Point to the place on the covers where students are to print their names.

Print your first and last name carefully on the line provided on the covers of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Allow time for students to print their names on the covers.

Please turn your answer document over and find Section L, “Form”, at the bottom of the page on the back cover. Fill in the bubble for the letter of test booklet you are using. The letter is located along the spine of your Student Test Booklet.

Hold up your Student Test Booklet and point to the test form letter. Check to make sure students are entering the correct letter for the test form they have.

Turn to page 1 in your test booklet and read along as I read the directions.

Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 5 Science Achievement Test. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.**
- 2. For short-answer and extended-response questions, use a pencil to write your answers neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any answers you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.**
- 3. Short-answer questions are worth two points. Extended-response questions are worth four points. Point values are printed near each question in your Student Test Booklet. The amount of space provided for your answers is the same for two- and four-point questions.**
- 4. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for the test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.**
- 5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.**
- 6. Check over your work when you are finished.**

If your district DOES NOT offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet. You may look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet.

If your district DOES offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Are there any questions?

Pause for students' questions.

We are now ready to begin. You may turn to page 2 of your test booklets and page 2 of your answer documents and start working.

Record the start time in the box on page 12.

Remember, you may answer questions about the general directions, but you may not suggest ideas or answers or clarify specific test question directions. You may not evaluate students' work.

Observe students to determine that they understand the directions. First, help those students who have questions. Then circulate among students, checking that they are recording their answers properly.

Remember to allow 2½ hours for students who may need the maximum amount of time to complete the test.

If you are taking a break, five minutes before the break, say:

We will take a short break in five minutes.

After five minutes, say:

Stop working, put down your pencils, and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not take anything out. You may not work on the test or on your silent work at this time. During the break, you may not talk to other students.

Observe the time and write it down.
(Breaks are optional)

Start time _____
1st break time _____
1st resume time _____
2nd break time _____
2nd resume time _____
3rd break time _____
3rd resume time _____
4th break time _____
4th resume time _____
Stop time _____

Give students a five-minute break. Booklets may remain on the students' desks but must be closed. When the time for the break has passed, resume the script at this point. Say:

Now we are going to continue with the science test. Now turn to the pages where you stopped before the break. Does everyone have the right places?

Pause.

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

You may begin.

Mark the resume time in the box above.

Collecting Test Booklets and Answer Documents

As students complete the test, they should raise a hand so you can collect their Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Make sure that each student has printed his or her first and last name on the front cover of the Student Test Booklet and answer document. Allow students who have finished the test early to do their silent work at their desks, or follow the procedures established for your building.

When only a few students are still working, you may wish to follow your district's plan for moving students who need additional time to another area of the building. The transition time is **not** included in the 2½-hour maximum amount of time allowed for each student.

For those students who require the maximum amount of time, at the end of the 2½-hour time, say:

Stop. Put your pencils down and close your test booklets and answer documents.

Collect the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

All materials should be returned to secure storage or as directed by the STC.

Test Administrator Comment Form

Please complete and return the Test Administrator Comment Form, which can be found at http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/documents_forms/default.asp.

The purpose of the form is to collect comments and suggestions for improving test materials and procedures. Make as many copies as you need.

ADMINISTERING THE GRADE 5 SOCIAL STUDIES FIELD TEST

Introduction

This section of the manual provides instructions for administering the Grade 5 Social Studies Field Test. The oral directions are in the form of a script that contains portions to be read aloud to students, as well as instructions for you. It is important that you become familiar with the contents of this manual before you administer the test.

The Grade 5 Social Studies Field Test

Overview

The Ohio Grade 5 Social Studies Field Test has been designed to measure students' understanding of concepts and skills related to Ohio's academic content standards in social studies at the grade 5 level.

Students are expected to write any answers for short-answer and extended-response questions and shade in their choice for multiple-choice questions in **the answer document**. Answers written in the Student Test Booklet or on additional pages or papers added to the answer document **will not be scored**.

The student will print his or her first and last name on both the cover of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Materials Needed for Testing

For the test administration, you must have the following items available:

- Student Test Booklet for each student and one for yourself
- Answer document for each student and one for yourself
- A supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
- This administration manual
- A watch or clock
- Silent work for students who do not bring their own

Silent work may be either a book or work that is **not related to the test**. This book or work should be chosen before the day of testing. The student will take out this work only when he or she has finished the test and his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected.

Time Allotment

TAs should allot 2½ hours of student work time for the administration of the Grade 5 Social Studies Field Test. The 2½ hours does **not** include any break time that TAs elect to schedule as part of the testing, nor does it include the time needed to complete the demographic page in the answer document.

Key Steps for Administering the Test

- Provide a Student Test Booklet, an answer document, and a pencil to each student.
- Explain to students that they will be taking a social studies test.
- Inform them that they need to be quiet during the test and that if they have questions, they should raise a hand.
- Let students know that you will provide breaks (if applicable).
- Instruct students to write their first and last names on their test booklets and answer documents.

Reminder

- Students with disabilities are allowed accommodations that are based on their IEP or 504 Plans.

- Limited English proficient (LEP) students may have extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary, although the test must be completed in one school day.

Administering the Test

Read aloud word for word the material that is printed in **bold** type. The material in regular type is information for you and should not be read to students. You may repeat any part of these directions as many times as needed. However, do not suggest answers and do not evaluate student work.

Students are **not** permitted to use reference materials such as print or electronic forms of dictionaries, thesauruses or spell-check software (except LEP students, who may use English and/or bilingual dictionaries). Allowable accommodations are permitted for students with a signed IEP or 504 Plan.

Students' desks should be cleared of all materials except pencils, and colored pencils/highlighters (if being used) before testing begins.

Colored pencils or highlighters may be used in the Student Test Booklets only, as needed, but make sure students use a No. 2 pencil to mark the answer document.

After students are seated in the desired arrangement, read aloud the following script **before** distributing the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Script

You are now going to take the Ohio Grade 5 Social Studies Achievement Test. It is important that you do your best work on this test. Otherwise it will not really show how well you can do in social studies. You can make sure your test scores give a true picture of what you know and what you can do by doing your best on this test. Remember to do your own work. You are not to copy or share work with anyone.

You have a book to read or some work that you can do at your desk in case you finish before everyone else. I will refer to this book or work as your silent work. Place your silent work where you can find it easily, but you are not to take it out at any time during the test. After you have completed the test and I have collected your Student Test Booklet and answer document, you can take out your book or other silent work.

Make sure that you have a pencil on your desk. If you need another pencil during the test, raise your hand and I will give you one. If you need to change an answer, make sure that you completely erase the answer you do not want.

Are there any questions?

Answer any questions.

I will hand out the Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not open your Student Test Booklet or answer document until I tell you to do so.

Make sure that each student receives a Student Test Booklet and answer document, and has a pencil. Hold up a Student Test Booklet and answer document. Point to the place on the covers where students are to print their names.

Print your first and last name carefully on the line provided on the covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Allow time for students to print their names on the covers.

Please turn your answer document over and find Section L, “Form”, at the bottom of the page on the back cover. Fill in the bubble for the letter of test booklet you are using. The letter is located along the spine of your Student Test Booklet.

Hold up your Student Test Booklet and point to the test form letter. Check to make sure students are entering the correct letter for the test form they have.

Turn to page 1 in your Student Test Booklet and read along as I read the directions.

Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 5 Social Studies Achievement Test. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.**
- 2. For short-answer and extended-response questions, use a pencil to write your answers neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any answers you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.**
- 3. Short-answer questions are worth two points. Extended-response questions are worth four points. Point values are printed near each question in your Student Test Booklet. The amount of space provided for your answers is the same for two- and four-point questions.**
- 4. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for the test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.**
- 5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.**
- 6. Check over your work when you are finished.**

If your district DOES NOT offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet. You may look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

If your district DOES offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Are there any questions?

Pause for students' questions.

We are now ready to begin. You may turn to page 2 of your test booklets and page 2 of your answer documents and start working.

Record the start time in the box on page 18.

Remember, you may answer questions about the general directions, but you may not suggest ideas or answers or clarify specific test question directions. You may not evaluate students' work.

Observe students to determine that they understand the directions. First, help those students who have questions. Then circulate among students, checking that they are recording their answers properly.

Remember to allow 2½ hours for students who may need the maximum amount of time to complete the test.

If you are taking a break, five minutes before the break, say:

We will take a short break in five minutes.

After five minutes, say:

Stop working, put down your pencils, and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not take anything out. You may not work on the test or on your silent work at this time. During the break, you may not talk to other students.

Observe the time and write it down.
(Breaks are optional)

Start time _____
1st break time _____
1st resume time _____
2nd break time _____
2nd resume time _____
3rd break time _____
3rd resume time _____
4th break time _____
4th resume time _____
Stop time _____

Give students a five-minute break. Booklets may remain on the students' desks but must be closed. When the time for the break has passed, resume the script at this point. Say:

Now we are going to continue with the social studies test. Now turn to the pages where you stopped before the break. Does everyone have the right places?

Pause.

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

You may begin.

Mark the resume time in the box above.

Collecting Test Booklets and Answer Documents

As students complete the test, they should raise a hand so that you can collect their Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Make sure that each student has printed his or her first and last name on the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document. Allow students who have finished the test early to do silent work at their desks, or follow the procedures established for your building.

When only a few students are still working, you may wish to follow your district's plan for moving students who need additional time to another area in the building. The transition time is **not** included in the 2½-hour maximum amount of time allowed for each student.

For students who require the maximum amount of time, at the end of the 2½ hours, say:

Stop. Put your pencils down and close your test booklets and answer documents.

Collect the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

All materials should be returned to secure storage or as directed by the STC.

Test Administrator Comment Form

Please complete and return the Test Administrator Comment Form, which can be found at http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/documents_forms/default.asp.

The purpose of the form is to collect comments and suggestions for improving test materials and procedures. Make as many copies as you need.

ADMINISTERING THE GRADE 7 WRITING FIELD TEST

Introduction

This section of the manual provides instructions for administering the Grade 7 Writing Field Test. The oral directions are in the form of a script that contains portions to be read aloud to students, as well as instructions for you. It is important that you become familiar with the contents of this manual before you administer the test.

The Grade 7 Writing Field Test

Overview

The Grade 7 Writing Field Test has been designed to measure students' understanding of concepts and skills related to Ohio's academic content standards in writing at the grade 7 level.

Students are expected to write responses to the writing prompts and shade in their choice for multiple-choice questions in **the answer document**. Answers written in the Student Test Booklet or on additional pages or papers added to the answer document **will not be scored**.

The student will print his or her first and last name on both the cover of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Materials Needed for Testing

For the test administration, you must have the following items available:

- Student Test Booklet for each student and one for yourself
- Answer document for each student and one for yourself
- A supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
- This administration manual
- A watch or clock
- Silent work for students who do not bring their own

Silent work may be either a book or work that is **not related to the test**. This book or work should be chosen before the day of testing. The student will take out this work only when he or she has finished the test and his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected.

Time Allotment

TAs should allot 2½ hours of student work time for the administration of the Grade 7 Writing Field Test. The 2½ hours does **not** include any break time that TAs elect to schedule as part of the testing, nor does it include the time needed to complete the demographic page in the answer document.

Key Steps for Administering the Test

- Provide a Student Test Booklet, an answer document and a pencil to each student.
- Explain to students that they will be taking a writing test.
- Inform them that they need to be quiet during the test and that if they have questions, they should raise a hand.
- Let students know that you will provide breaks (if applicable).
- Instruct students to write their first and last names on their Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Reminder

- Students with disabilities are allowed accommodations that are based on their IEP or 504 Plans.

- Limited English proficient (LEP) students may have extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary, although the test must be completed in one school day.

Administering the Test

Read aloud word for word the material that is printed in **bold** type. The material in regular type is information for you and should not be read to students. You may repeat any part of these directions as many times as needed. However, do not suggest answers and do not evaluate student work.

Students are **not** permitted to use reference materials such as print or electronic forms of dictionaries, thesauruses or spell-check software (except LEP students, who may use English and/or bilingual dictionaries). Allowable accommodations are permitted for students with a signed IEP or 504 Plan.

Students' desks should be cleared of all materials except pencils and colored pencils/highlighters (if being used) before testing begins.

Colored pencils or highlighters may be used in the test booklets only, as needed, but make sure students use a No. 2 pencil to mark the answer document.

After students are seated in the desired arrangement, read aloud the following script **before** distributing the test booklets and answer documents.

Script

You are now going to take the Ohio Grade 7 Writing Achievement Test. It is important that you do your best work on this test. Otherwise it will not really show how well you can do in writing. You can make sure your test scores give a true picture of what you know and what you can do by doing your best on this test. Remember to do your own work. You are not to copy or share work with anyone.

You have a book to read or some work that you can do at your desk in case you finish early. I will refer to this book or work as your silent work. Place your silent work where you can find it easily, but you are not to take it out at any time during the test. After you have completed the test and I have collected your Student Test Booklet and answer document, you can take out your book or other silent work.

Make sure that you have a pencil on your desk. If you need another pencil during the test, raise your hand and I will give you one. If you need to change an answer, make sure that you completely erase the answer you do not want.

Are there any questions?

Answer any questions.

I will hand out the Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not open your test booklet or answer document until I tell you to do so.

Make sure that each student receives a Student Test Booklet and answer document, and has a pencil. Hold up a Student Test Booklet and answer document. Point to the place on the covers where students are to print their names.

Print your first and last name carefully on the line provided on the covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Allow time for students to print their names on the covers.

Please turn your answer document over and find Section L, “Form”, at the bottom of the page on the back cover. Fill in the bubble for the letter of Student Test Booklet you are using. The letter is located along the spine of your Student Test Booklet.

Hold up your test booklet and point to the test form letter. Check to make sure students are entering the correct letter for the test form they have.

Turn to page 1 in your Student Test Booklet and read along as I read the directions.

Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 7 Writing Achievement Test. This is a test of how well you write. Two different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice and writing prompts.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.**
- 2. Each writing prompt is worth 13 points. When responding to the writing prompts, use a pencil to write your answers neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any responses you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.**
- 3. Each multiple-choice question is worth 1 point. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for the test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.**
- 4. The maximum time allowed for the test is 2½ hours. Plan your time to completely respond to the two writing-prompt questions because 26 of the 41 total possible points on this test can be earned by responding to them. One writing-prompt question is at the beginning of the test; the other is at the end. You may refer to the questions as often as necessary.**
- 5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.**
- 6. Check over your work when you are finished.**

If your district DOES NOT offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet. You may look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire

test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

If your district DOES offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Are there any questions?

Pause for students' questions.

We are now ready to begin. You may turn to page 3 of your test booklets and page 2 of your answer documents and start working.

Record the start time in the box on page 24.

Remember, you may answer questions about the general directions, but you may not suggest ideas or answers or clarify specific test question directions. You may not evaluate students' work.

Observe students to determine that they understand the directions. First, help those students who have questions. Then circulate among students, checking that they are recording their answers properly.

Remember to allow 2½ hours for students who may need the maximum amount of time to complete the test.

If you are taking a break, five minutes before the break, say:

We will take a short break in five minutes.

After five minutes, say:

Stop working, put down your pencils, and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not take anything out. You may not work on the test or on your silent work at this time. During the break, you may not talk to other students.

Observe the time and write it down.
(Breaks are optional)

Start time _____
1st break time _____
1st resume time _____
2nd break time _____
2nd resume time _____
3rd break time _____
3rd resume time _____
4th break time _____
4th resume time _____
Stop time _____

Give students a five-minute break. Booklets may remain on the students' desks but must be closed. When the time for the break has passed, resume the script at this point. Say:

Now we are going to continue with the writing test. Now turn to the pages where you stopped before the break. Does everyone have the right places?

Pause.

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

You may begin.

Mark the resume time in the box above.

Collecting Test Booklets and Answer Documents

As students complete the test, they should raise a hand so that you can collect their Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Make sure that each student has printed his or her first and last name on the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document. Allow students who have finished the test early to do silent work at their desks, or follow the procedures established for your building.

When only a few students are still working, you may wish to follow your district's plan for moving students who need additional time to another area in the building. The transition time is **not** included in the 2½-hour maximum amount of time allowed for each student.

For students who require the maximum amount of time, at the end of the 2½ hours, say:

Stop. Put your pencils down and close your test booklets and answer documents.

Collect the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

All materials should be returned to secure storage or as directed by the STC.

Test Administrator Comment Form

Please complete and return the Test Administrator Comment Form, which can be found at http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/documents_forms/default.asp.

The purpose of the form is to collect comments and suggestions for improving test materials and procedures. Make as many copies as you need.

ADMINISTERING THE GRADE 8 SCIENCE FIELD TEST

Introduction

This section of the manual provides instructions for administering the Grade 8 Science Field Test. The oral directions are in the form of a script that contains portions to be read aloud to students, as well as instructions for you. It is important that you become familiar with the contents of this manual before you administer the test.

The Grade 8 Science Field Test

Overview

The Ohio Grade 8 Science Field Test has been designed to measure students' understanding of concepts and skills related to Ohio's academic content standards in science at the grade 8 level.

Students are expected to write any answers for short-answer and extended-response questions and shade in their choice for multiple-choice questions in **the answer document**. Answers written in the Student Test Booklet or on additional pages or papers added to the answer document **will not be scored**.

The student will print his or her first and last name on both the cover of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Materials Needed for Testing

For the test administration, you must have the following items available:

- Student Test Booklet for each student and one for yourself
- Answer document for each student and one for yourself
- A supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
- This administration manual
- A watch or clock
- Silent work for students who do not bring their own

Silent work may be either a book or work that is **not related to the test**. This book or work should be chosen before the day of testing. The student will take out this work only when he or she has finished the test and his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected.

Time Allotment

TAs should allot 2½ hours of student work time for the administration of the Grade 8 Science Field Test. The 2½ hours does **not** include any break time that TAs elect to schedule as part of the testing, nor does it include the time needed to complete the demographic page in the answer document.

Key Steps for Administering the Test

- Provide a Student Test Booklet, an answer document and a pencil to each student.
- Explain to students that they will be taking a science test.
- Inform them that they need to be quiet during the test and that if they have questions, they should raise a hand.
- Let students know that you will provide breaks (if applicable).
- Instruct students to write their first and last names on their Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Reminder

- Students with disabilities are allowed accommodations that are based on their IEP or 504 Plans.

- Limited English proficient (LEP) students may have extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary, although the test must be completed in one school day.

Administering the Test

Read aloud word for word the material that is printed in **bold** type. The material in regular type is information for you and should not be read to students. You may repeat any part of these directions as many times as needed. However, do not suggest answers and do not evaluate student work.

Students are **not** permitted to use reference materials such as print or electronic forms of dictionaries, thesauruses or spell-check software (except LEP students, who may use English and/or bilingual dictionaries). Allowable accommodations are permitted for students with a signed IEP or 504 Plan.

Students' desks should be cleared of all materials except pencils and colored pencils/highlighters (if being used) before testing begins.

Colored pencils or highlighters may be used in the Student Test Booklets only, as needed, but make sure students use a No. 2 pencil to mark the answer document.

After students are seated in the desired arrangement, read aloud the following script **before** distributing the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Script

You are now going to take the Ohio Grade 8 Science Achievement Test. It is important that you do your best work on this test. Otherwise it will not really show how well you can do in science. You can make sure your test scores give a true picture of what you know and what you can do by doing your best on this test. Remember to do your own work. You are not to copy or share work with anyone.

You have a book to read or some work that you can do at your desk in case you finish early. I will refer to this book or work as your silent work. Place your silent work where you can find it easily, but you are not to take it out at any time during the test. After you have completed the test and I have collected your Student Test Booklet and answer document, you can take out your book or other silent work.

Make sure that you have a pencil on your desk. If you need another pencil during the test, raise your hand and I will give you one. If you need to change an answer, make sure that you completely erase the answer you do not want.

Are there any questions?

Answer any questions.

I will hand out the Student Test Booklets and answer documents now. Do not open your Student Test Booklet or answer document until I tell you to do so.

Make sure that each student receives a Student Test Booklet and answer document, and has a pencil. Hold up a Student Test Booklet and answer document. Point to the place on the covers where students are to print their names.

Print your first and last name carefully on the line provided on the covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Allow time for students to print their names on the covers.

Please turn your answer document over and find Section L, “Form”, at the bottom of the page on the back cover. Fill in the bubble for the letter of Student Test Booklet you are using. The letter is located along the spine of your Student Test Booklet.

Hold up your Student Test Booklet and point to the test form letter. Check to make sure students are entering the correct letter for the test form they have.

Turn to page 1 in your Student Test Booklet and read along as I read the directions.

Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 8 Science Achievement Test. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.**
- 2. For short-answer and extended-response questions, use a pencil to write your answers neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any answers you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.**
- 3. Short-answer questions are worth two points. Extended-response questions are worth four points. Point values are printed near each question in your Student Test Booklet. The amount of space provided for your answers is the same for two- and four-point questions.**
- 4. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for the test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.**
- 5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.**
- 6. Check over your work when you are finished.**

If your district DOES NOT offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet. You may look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

If your district DOES offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Are there any questions?

Pause for students' questions.

We are now ready to begin. You may turn to page 2 of your test booklets and page 2 of your answer documents and start working.

Record the start time in the box on page 30.

Remember, you may answer questions about the general directions, but you may not suggest ideas or answers or clarify specific test question directions. You may not evaluate students' work.

Observe students to determine that they understand the directions. First, help those students who have questions. Then circulate among students, checking that they are recording their answers properly.

Remember to allow 2½ hours for students who may need the maximum amount of time to complete the test.

If you are taking a break, five minutes before the break, say:

We will take a short break in five minutes.

After five minutes, say:

Stop working, put down your pencils, and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not take anything out. You may not work on the test or on your silent work at this time. During the break, you may not talk to other students.

Observe the time and write it down.
(Breaks are optional)

Start time _____
1st break time _____
1st resume time _____
2nd break time _____
2nd resume time _____
3rd break time _____
3rd resume time _____
4th break time _____
4th resume time _____
Stop time _____

Give students a five-minute break. Booklets may remain on the students' desks but must be closed. When the time for the break has passed, resume the script at this point. Say:

Now we are going to continue with the science test. Now turn to the pages where you stopped before the break. Does everyone have the right places?

Pause.

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

You may begin.

Mark the resume time in the box above.

Collecting Test Booklets and Answer Documents

As students complete the test, they should raise a hand so that you can collect their Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Make sure that each student has printed his or her name on the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document. Allow students who have finished the test early to do silent work at their desks, or follow the procedures established for your building.

When only a few students are still working, you may wish to follow your district's plan for moving students who need additional time to another area in the building. The transition time is **not** included in the 2½-hour maximum amount of time allowed for each student.

For students who require the maximum amount of time, at the end of the 2½ hours, say:

Stop. Put your pencils down and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Collect the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

All materials should be returned to secure storage or as directed by the STC.

Test Administrator Comment Form

Please complete and return the Test Administrator Comment Form, which can be found at http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/documents_forms/default.asp.

The purpose of the form is to collect comments and suggestions for improving test materials and procedures. Make as many copies as you need.

ADMINISTERING THE GRADE 8 SOCIAL STUDIES FIELD TEST

Introduction

This section of the manual provides instructions for administering the Grade 8 Social Studies Field Test. The oral directions are in the form of a script that contains portions to be read aloud to students, as well as instructions for you. It is important that you become familiar with the contents of this manual before you administer the test.

The Grade 8 Social Studies Field Test

Overview

The Ohio Grade 8 Social Studies Field Test has been designed to measure students' understanding of concepts and skills related to Ohio's academic content standards in social studies at the grade 8 level.

Students are expected to write any answers for short-answer and extended-response questions and shade in their choice for multiple-choice questions in **the answer document**. Answers written in the Student Test Booklet or on additional pages or papers added to the answer document **will not be scored**.

The student will print his or her first and last name on both the cover of the Student Test Booklet and the answer document.

Materials Needed for Testing

For the test administration, you must have the following items available:

- Student Test Booklet for each student and one for yourself
- Answer document for each student and one for yourself
- A supply of sharpened No. 2 pencils (pens may not be used — use of pens may delay scoring)
- This administration manual
- A watch or clock
- Silent work for students who do not bring their own

Silent work may be either a book or work that is **not related to the test**. This book or work should be chosen before the day of testing. The student will take out this work only when he or she has finished the test and his or her test booklet and answer document have been collected.

Time Allotment

TAs should allot 2½ hours of student work time for the administration of the grade 8 social studies field test. The 2½ hours does **not** include any break time that TAs elect to schedule as part of the testing, nor does it include the time needed to complete the demographic page in the answer document.

Key Steps for Administering the Test

- Provide a Student Test Booklet, an answer document and a pencil to each student.
- Explain to students that they will be taking a social studies test.
- Inform them that they need to be quiet during the test and that if they have questions, they should raise a hand.
- Let students know that you will provide breaks (if applicable).
- Instruct students to write their first and last names on their Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Reminder

- Students with disabilities are allowed accommodations that are based on their IEP or 504 Plans.

- Limited English proficient (LEP) students may have extended time and the use of an English and/or a bilingual dictionary, although the test must be completed in one school day.

Administering the Test

Read aloud word for word the material that is printed in **bold** type. The material in regular type is information for you and should not be read to students. You may repeat any part of these directions as many times as needed. However, do not suggest answers and do not evaluate student work.

Students are **not** permitted to use reference materials such as print or electronic forms of dictionaries, thesauruses or spell-check software (except LEP students, who may use English and/or bilingual dictionaries). Allowable accommodations are permitted for students with a signed IEP or 504 Plan.

Students' desks should be cleared of all materials except pencils and colored pencils/highlighters (if being used) before testing begins.

Colored pencils or highlighters may be used in the Student Test Booklets only, as needed, but make sure students use a No. 2 pencil to mark the answer document.

After students are seated in the desired arrangement, read aloud the following script **before** distributing the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Script

You are now going to take the Ohio Grade 8 Social Studies Achievement Test. It is important that you do your best work on this test. Otherwise it will not really show how well you can do in social studies. You can make sure your test scores give a true picture of what you know and what you can do by doing your best on this test. Remember to do your own work. You are not to copy or share work with anyone.

You have a book to read or some work that you can do at your desk in case you finish before everyone else. I will refer to this book or work as your silent work. Place your silent work where you can find it easily, but you are not to take it out at any time during the test. After you have completed the test and I have collected your Student Test Booklet and answer document, you can take out your book or other silent work.

Make sure that you have a pencil on your desk. If you need another pencil during the test, raise your hand and I will give you one. If you need to change an answer, make sure that you completely erase the answer you do not want.

Are there any questions?

Answer any questions.

I will hand out the Student Test Booklets and answer documents now. Do not open your Student Test Booklet or answer document until I tell you to do so.

Make sure that each student receives a Student Test Booklet and answer document, and has a pencil. Hold up a Student Test Booklet and answer document. Point to the place on the covers where students are to print their names.

Print your first and last name carefully on the line provided on the covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Allow time for students to print their names on the covers.

Please turn your answer document over and find Section L, “Form”, at the bottom of the page on the back cover. Fill in the bubble for the letter of test booklet you are using. The letter is located along the spine of your test booklet.

Hold up your test booklet and point to the test form letter. Check to make sure students are entering the correct letter for the test form they have.

Turn to page 1 in your test booklet and read along as I read the directions.

Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 8 Social Studies Achievement Test. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.**
- 2. For short-answer and extended-response questions, use a pencil to write your answers neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any answers you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.**
- 3. Short-answer questions are worth two points. Extended-response questions are worth four points. Point values are printed near each question in your Student Test Booklet. The amount of space provided for your answers is the same for two- and four-point questions.**
- 4. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for the test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.**
- 5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.**
- 6. Check over your work when you are finished.**

If your district DOES NOT offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet. You may look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

If your district DOES offer a break, say:

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

Are there any questions?

Pause for students' questions.

We are now ready to begin. You may turn to page 2 of your test booklets and page 2 of your answer documents and start working.

Record the start time in the box on page 36.

Remember, you may answer questions about the general directions, but you may not suggest ideas or answers or clarify specific test question directions. You may not evaluate students' work.

Observe students to determine that they understand the directions. First, help those students who have questions. Then circulate among students, checking that they are recording their answers properly.

Remember to allow 2½ hours for students who may need the maximum amount of time to complete the test.

If you are taking a break, five minutes before the break, say:

We will take a short break in five minutes.

After five minutes, say:

Stop working, put down your pencils, and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Do not take anything out. You may not work on the test or on your silent work at this time. During the break, you may not talk to other students.

Observe the time and write it down.
(Breaks are optional)

Start time _____
1st break time _____
1st resume time _____
2nd break time _____
2nd resume time _____
3rd break time _____
3rd resume time _____
4th break time _____
4th resume time _____
Stop time _____

Give students a five-minute break. Booklets may remain on the students' desks but must be closed. When the time for the break has passed, resume the script at this point. Say:

Now we are going to continue with the social studies test. Now turn to the pages where you stopped before the break. Does everyone have the right places?

Pause.

After you begin, you should continue until you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet or until I announce that it is time to stop for a short break. If you see the word STOP in your Student Test Booklet, you should look over the pages of the test to make sure that you have answered all the questions. Please make sure that you have completed the entire test. When you are finished, raise your hand so that I can collect your Student Test Booklet and answer document.

You may begin.

Mark the resume time in the box above.

Collecting Test Booklets and Answer Documents

As students complete the test, they should raise a hand so that you can collect their Student Test Booklets and answer documents. Make sure that each student has printed his or her name on the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and answer document. Allow students who have finished the test early to do silent work at their desks, or follow the procedures established for your building.

When only a few students are still working, you may wish to follow your district's plan for moving students who need additional time to another area in the building. The transition time is **not** included in the 2½-hour maximum amount of time allowed for each student.

For students who require the maximum amount of time, at the end of the 2½ hours, say:

Stop. Put your pencils down and close your Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

Collect the Student Test Booklets and answer documents.

All materials should be returned to secure storage or as directed by the STC.

Test Administrator Comment Form

Please complete and return the Test Administrator Comment Form, which can be found at http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/documents_forms/default.asp.

The purpose of the form is to collect comments and suggestions for improving test materials and procedures. Make as many copies as you need.

APPENDIX A

STANDARDS FOR THE ETHICAL USE OF TESTS

3301-7-01 STANDARDS FOR THE ETHICAL USE OF TESTS

Effective 2/1/95

- (A) Standards included in this rule are intended to provide guidance for determining whether or not a practice related to assessment is consistent with the principle of performing one's responsibilities with honesty, integrity, due care, and fairness to all and to ensure the integrity of the assessment process and the reliability and validity of inferences made from the assessment results. Except as otherwise specified, the following definitions are used in this rule:
- (1) "Assessment" shall include but not be limited to standardized achievement testing, state proficiency testing, district wide competency-based education assessments, and any other grade-level or age-level assessments conducted schoolwide or districtwide;
 - (2) "School district" shall mean all city, exempted village, local, cooperative education, and joint vocational school districts in the state;
 - (3) "Appropriate staff" shall include any certificated or non-certificated employee or volunteer who has direct access to the assessment instrument(s) or participates in activities related to preparing students for the assessment, administering or scoring the assessment, and interpreting or using the assessment results.
- (B) Each school district is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate staff have knowledge of the standards of ethical practice related to assessment and testing and for monitoring the educational practices of said individuals in terms of these standards. Each district's responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (1) Communicate to all appropriate staff at least once annually the standards for determining what is unethical or inappropriate practice contained in paragraphs (C) through (E) of this rule, as well as any additional standards adopted by the district;
 - (2) Clearly define and communicate at least once annually to all appropriate staff how the standards and/or procedures will be monitored, what sanctions will be imposed, and in what circumstances such sanctions will apply;
 - (3) Clearly define and communicate to all appropriate staff the purpose(s) for each schoolwide and districtwide assessment;
 - (4) Clearly define and communicate to all appropriate staff at least once annually all security procedures established by the district for each type of assessment identified in paragraph (A) (1) of this rule, including procedures required by the state pursuant to the provisions of rule 3301-13-05 of the Administration Code;
 - (5) Provide any other information and staff development necessary to ensure that all appropriate staff have the knowledge and skills necessary to make ethical decisions related to preparing students for an assessment, administering and/or scoring the assessment, and interpreting or using the results from an assessment;
 - (6) Establish procedures for reviewing materials and practices used in the school or district to prepare students for assessments and communicate these procedures at least once annually to all appropriate staff;
 - (7) Periodically review materials and practices related to preparing students for assessments; administering and scoring assessments, and interpreting and using assessment results;

- (8) Provide channels of communication that allow teachers and other educators, students, parents, and other members of the community to voice their concerns about practices they consider inappropriate; and
 - (9) Establish procedures for investigating any complaint, allegation, and/or concern about inappropriate practices, insuring protection of both the rights of individuals and the integrity of the assessment process.
- (C) In monitoring practices related to preparing students for an assessment, each school district shall use, but not be limited to, the following standards for determining what practices are unethical and/or inappropriate:
- (1) Any preparation activity that undermines the reliability and/or validity of inferences drawn from the assessment results;
 - (2) Any practice that results solely in raising scores or performance levels on a specific assessment instrument, without simultaneously increasing the student's achievement level as measured by other tasks and/or instruments designed to assess the same content domain;
 - (3) Any practice involving the reproduction of actual assessment materials, through any medium, for use in preparing students for an assessment;
 - (4) Any preparation activity that includes questions, tasks, graphs, charts, passages or other materials included in the assessment instrument or in a parallel form of the instrument, and/or materials that are paraphrases or highly similar in content to those in actual use;
 - (5) Preparation for the assessment that focuses primarily on the assessment instrument or a parallel form of the instrument, including its format, rather than on the objectives being assessed;
 - (6) Any practice that does not comply with, or has the appearance of not complying with, statutory and/or regulatory provisions related to security of assessment instruments used in schoolwide or districtwide programs; and
 - (7) Any practice that supports or assists others in conducting unethical or inappropriate preparation activities.
- (D) Except as specifically permitted by written instructions provided by the developer or as provided through an individualized education program (IEP), each school district shall use, but not be limited to, the following standards for determining what practices related to administering and scoring assessments are unethical and/or inappropriate:
- (1) Any assessment instrument used for purposes other than that for which the instrument has been validated;
 - (2) Any practice resulting in a potential conflict of interest or one that exerts undue influence on those administering or scoring the assessment, making the assessment process unfair to some examinees;
 - (3) Any modification in procedures for administering and/or scoring the assessment that results in nonstandard and/or delimiting conditions for one or more students;
 - (4) Any practice that allows persons without sufficient and appropriate knowledge and skills to administer and/or score the assessment;

- (5) Any administration or scoring practice that produces results contaminated by factors not relevant to the purpose(s) of the assessment;
 - (6) Any practice of excluding one or more students from an assessment solely because the student has not performed well, or may not perform well, on the assessment and/or because the aggregate performance of the group may be affected;
 - (7) Any practice such as a gesture, facial expression, use of body language, comment, or any other action that guides students' responses during an assessment;
 - (8) Any practice such as providing to students, either immediately preceding or during administration of an assessment, any definitions of words or terms contained in the actual assessment instrument;
 - (9) Any practice such as erasing, darkening, rewriting, or in any other way correcting or altering student responses to an assessment task either during or following the administration of an assessment; and
 - (10) Any practice that supports or assists others in unethical or inappropriate practices during administration and/or scoring of assessments.
- (E) In monitoring practices related to interpreting and/or using assessment results, each district shall use, but not be limited to, the following standards for determining what practices are unethical and/or inappropriate:
- (1) Providing interpretations of, and/or using, assessment results in a manner and/or for a purpose that has not been validated;
 - (2) Making false, misleading, or inappropriate statements and/or unsubstantiated claims that lead to false or misleading conclusions about assessment results;
 - (3) Any practice that permits certificated employees or volunteers without the necessary knowledge and skills to interpret the results of an assessment;
 - (4) Any practice that violates, or places at risk, the confidentiality of individually identifiable information;
 - (5) Any practice that provides an interpretation, or suggests uses, of assessment results without due consideration of the purpose(s) for the assessment, the limitations of the assessment, the examinee characteristics, any irregularities in administering and/or scoring the assessment, or other factors affecting the results; and
 - (6) Any practice that supports or leads others to interpret or use assessment results in unethical or inappropriate ways.
- (F) Chartered nonpublic schools that administer state proficiency tests shall apply the standards contained in this rule to determine whether or not unethical and/or inappropriate practices are used by staff or volunteers to prepare students for, administer or score, and/or interpret or use the results from these tests.
- (G) Each school district and participating chartered nonpublic school shall cooperate with the state board of education in conducting an investigation of alleged unethical assessment practices by school district employees or volunteers.

